

White House Conference on Aging
Our Community: Keeping Older Drivers on the Road Safely
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- Problem statement
 - Older drivers have greater fatality rates per vehicle miles traveled
 - Older drivers tend to have a greater incidence of functional impairments that can affect their ability to drive safely
 - DMVs want to treat older drivers fairly, basing driving decisions on functional impairment criteria applicable to all ages
 - Older drivers need to learn more about actions that can improve their ability to drive safely (such as attending mature driver workshops or seeking evaluation and possible remediation from certified driver rehabilitation specialists)
 - When safe driving is no longer possible (and even when it is), older drivers need to learn more about alternative transportation options.
- Possible solutions

Note: all are ongoing efforts

 - Work with DMVs to develop uniform medical guidelines for assessment of functional driving impairments
 - Work with DMVs to develop best practices for helping senior drivers continue driving as long as safely possible
 - Work with DMVs to help get the word out about best practices and safe driving options for senior drivers
- Supporting organizations, if possible
 - AAMVA members (state and provincial departments of motor vehicles and related law enforcement)
 - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 - AAA
 - AARP
 - ADED
 - American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

- American Medical Association (AMA)
- American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
- National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A)
- And others....